

SOUTHERN MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER

SUMMARY

The Southern Maryland Higher Education Center was established in 1994 to provide continuing education courses to citizens in St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert Counties. The Center's mission is to provide quality graduate and upper level undergraduate education to citizens of Southern Maryland; to promote a climate of cooperation between universities, government and business; to advance Southern Maryland as a technologically-advanced area; to help create high technology jobs; and to facilitate the economic development of the three counties in Southern Maryland. Currently, eight universities teach courses at the Center including the Johns Hopkins University, George Washington University, Towson University, and University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Tuition rates are set by each institution. Approximately 60 percent of the students are from St. Mary's County, 25 percent are from Calvert County, and 15 percent are from Charles County.

The demand for education and training opportunities in Southern Maryland is growing rapidly. In fall 1995, the Center offered only two courses and in fall 2003, the Center offered 73 courses. The Center anticipates continued enrollment growth due to the relocation of U.S. military personnel to the Patuxent River Naval Air Station in St. Mary's County. In order to accommodate the projected increase in enrollment, the five-year capital improvement program includes planning funds for a third classroom building on its campus.

CHANGES TO FY 2004 - FY 2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Changes to FY 2005

None

Changes to FY 2006 - FY 2008

The project to construct a third classroom building has been deferred to FY 2009 in order to allow additional time to evaluate the demand for an additional classroom building at the Center.

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**FY 2005 - FY 2009 Capital Improvement Program
State-Owned Facilities**

**SOUTHERN MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER (St. Mary's County)
Budget Code: ZA0108**

Third Classroom Building

Construct a third academic building on the campus of the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center to address increased enrollment at the facility. The building will include classrooms, conference space, and an auditorium. The estimated cost of this project totals \$10,600,000.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Prior Auth.</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	850	850
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	850	850
<u>Use</u>							
Planning	-	-	-	-	-	850	850

Total Program - Southern Maryland Higher Education Center

<u>Source</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds	-	-	-	-	850	850